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In Re Application of:	Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley and Sean P. Skubitz
Application No.:	09/197278
Filed:	November 20, 1998
For:	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
Group Art Unit:	3731

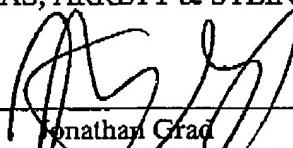
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Docket No: S63.2B-6769-US01**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

Petitioners, hereby request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005. The petition fee of \$1,020.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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